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**In re:**

**Applicant:** LAUMEN, J. et al

**Serial No.:** 09/623,946

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**AMENDMENT**

April 30, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of December 31, 2003, please  
amend the application as follows: